BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

EXPERIMENTAL RATE AND SERVICE CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL ONE SERVICES, INC.

Docket No. MC2002-2

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS CHARLES L. CRUM TO AN INTERROGATORY OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE, REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS WILSON (OCA/USPS-T4-3)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness

Crum to the following interrogatory of Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS–

T4-3, filed on October 4, 2002. The interrogatory is redirected from witness Wilson.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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OCA/USPS-T4-3. Please refer to your testimony at page 2, line16.

- (a) Please confirm that on a per piece basis, the fee for electronic address correction is less than the cost to physically return First-Class Mail that is UAA to the mailer at no charge. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- (b) Please confirm that on a per piece basis, the cost for electronic address correction is less than the cost to physically return First-Class Mail that is UAA to the mailer at no charge. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- (c) Please provide the net savings cost per piece to provide electronic address correction to the mailer instead of physically returning First-Class Mail that is UAA at no charge.

RESPONSE:

- (a) The fees charged for electronic Address Change Service are not part of my testimony, but it is my understanding that what you say is correct
- (b) Confirmed.
- (c) The estimated average net cost savings of providing electronic information versus providing physical return of a First-Class Mail piece is \$.2026. Please refer to page 5, line 17 of my testimony.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all
participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of
Practice.

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